

USS TUSK (SS-426) COMMAND HISTORY
NARRATIVE FOR 1969

Upon returning from shipyard overhaul at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, the USS TUSK (SS426) spent the major part of January in her homeport at the United States Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut. One week was utilized in independent operations in the Boston operating areas off Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

On 27 January TUSK deployed to the San Juan, Puerto Rico operating areas in the Caribbean to participate in Operation Springboard. Most of this period was spent in training and exercising with units of the United States Atlantic Fleet. TUSK also provided services to both Canadian and Brazilian Naval units.

During April and May, TUSK conducted several weeks of anti-submarine warfare operations and type training operations in the Norfolk, Virginia area.

The first week of May found TUSK participating in Operation Bermudex, a Submarine Squadron EIGHT exercise in the Bermuda operating area for a period of one month.

On 13 May, Lieutenant Commander Charles J. ZADD, USN relieved Commander Gerald D. MCCARTHY, USN, as Commanding Officer.

On 7 July the TUSK commenced a four month deployment with the United States Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea. During the deployment, TUSK enjoyed successful operations which included an amphibious exercise (PHIBLEX 70-2), National Week IV, Sixth Fleet Services and operations for Commander U.S. Sixth Fleet.

The TUSK returned from the Mediterranean on 31 October 1969 displaying the Silver Dolphin Flag, signifying 100 percent enlisted qualification in submarines. On 1 December Submarine Squadron Eight was decommissioned and TUSK joined Submarine Squadron TWO.

USS TUSK (SS-426) CHRONOLOGY OF
HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1969

1 JAN - 6 JAN UPKEEP NEW LONDON, CONN.
7 JAN - 10 JAN INDEPENDENT OPERATIONS BOSTON OP-AREAS.
11 JAN - 26 JAN UPKEEP/SPRINGBOARD PREPARATION.
27 JAN - 31 JAN TRANSIT TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.
1 FEB - 1 MAR OPERATION SPRINGBOARD.
2 MAR - 4 MAR TRANSIT PORT EVERGLADES, FLORIDA.
5 MAR - 7 MAR PORT EVERGLADES/FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA.
8 MAR - 10 MAR TRANSIT NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT.
11 MAR - 31 MAR UPKEEP.
1 APR - 5 APR EXERCISE NORFOLK, VIRGINIA AREAS.
6 APR - 12 APR BOSTON OP-AREAS.
13 APR - 20 APR UPKEEP.
21 APR - 2 MAY SERVICES NORFOLK, VA. AREAS.
3 MAY - 9 MAY BERMUDEX AND ORI.
10 MAY - 7 JUL CHANGE OF COMMAND, 13 MAY LCDR C. J. ZADD
RELIEVED CDR G. D. MC CARTHY/LOCAL OPS/
UPKEEP/PRE-MEDITERRANEAN PREPARATION.
7 JUL - 19 JUL TRANSIT ROTA, SPAIN.
19 JUL - 20 JUL INCHOP U.S. SIXTH FLEET.
21 JUL - 25 JUL VISIT GIBRALTER, B.C.C./NATO COMMUNICATION
EXERCISE.
26 JUL - 4 AUG SERVICES SIXTH FLEET.
5 AUG - 10 AUG PHIBLEX 70-2.
11 AUG - 21 AUG TRANSIT/UPKEEP ROTA SPAIN.
22 AUG - 29 AUG NATIONAL WEEK IV.
30 AUG - 5 OCT OPERATIONS COMSIXTHFLT.
6 OCT - 9 OCT NAPLES, ITALY

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USS TUSK (SS-426) CHRONOLOGY OF
HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1969 (CON'T)

10 OCT -17 OCT VISIT PALMA DE MALLORCA.
18 OCT -21 OCT TRANSIT NEW LONDON, CONN.
1 NOV - 7 DEC UPKEEP/LEAVE NEW LONDON
8 DEC - 11 DEC UNDERWAY SERVICES.
12 DEC -20 DEC UPKEEP NEW LONDON.
20 -21 DEC UNDERWAY SERVICES.
22 DEC -31 DEC UPKEEP/LEAVE.

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